A New Name for Everything

The Weakerthans

When the bus-shelter windows
And napkin-dispensers surprise
With distorted reflections, it's never the someone
You're hoping to recognizeAnd the rent is too high
Living here between reasons to live
Where you can't sleep alone and your memories groan
And the borders of night start to giveWhen you can't save, cash or conviction
You're broke and you're breaking a tired shoelace or a wave
So long past, past-due a new name for everythingWhen the one-ways collude
With the map that you folded wrong
And the route you abandoned
Is always the path that you probably should be uponWhen the bottle-cap ashtrays
And intimates ears are all full
With results of your breath, and the threads of your fear
Are unfurled with the tiniest pullOne more time, try
Stand with your hands in your pockets
And stare at the smudge on a newspaper sky
And ask it to rain a new name for everythingFire every phrase
They don't wanna work for us anymore
Dot and Dash our days
Make your face the flag of a semaphoreAll you won't show, the boxes you brought here
And never unpacked are still patiently waiting to go
So put on those clothes you never grew into
And smile like you mean it for once
If you come back, bring a new name for everythingA new name for everything
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